

(a) whether the Union Government allocate funds to the State Governments to set up fruit and vegetables based industries on their request;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated to Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat for this purpose, so far?

of funds to State Governments are not done by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, the Ministry provides financial assistance under its various plan schemes for specific project proposals to State Governments/State Undertakings/Cooperatives/Voluntary organisations, etc. for development of fruit and vegetable based industries in states.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHAR GOMANGO):
(a) to (c) While general allocation/allotment

Assistance provided under the plan schemes for development of fruit and vegetable processing industries in Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat are as under:

State	Year		Scheme	Amount
1	2		3	4
Uttar Pradesh	1990-91	(i)	for setting up of food processing training centres and upgradation of community canning centres.	Rs. 13.2 lakhs.
	1990-91	(ii)	for training and visit programme.	Rs. 2.0 lakhs
Gujarat	1991-92	(i)	for setting up of 7 Agro Parlours to Market GAIC's products in Gujarat.	Rs 1 00 lakh.
		(ii)	for setting up/enhancement of storage facilities at Fruit Processing Units installed at Gandavi and Junagadh in Gujarat	Rs. 6 00 lakhs

[English]

market with its Carlsberg Brand of Beer, and

Entry of Denmark Into Liquor Market

1926. SHRINIRMALKANTI CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Danbrew-A/S of Denmark is planning to enter into the Indian Liquor

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHAR GOMANGO)
(a) and (b) Recently Reserve Bank of India

has granted foreign collaboration approval under FERA 1973 to M/s Rajasthan Breweries Ltd, for manufacture of beer in technical collaboration with M/s Danbrew Ltd, A/S, Denmark

[Translation]

Suratgarh Thermal Plant

1927 SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA
KAUR (DEEPA)

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether land has been acquired for setting up Suratgarh Thermal Plant in Rajasthan

(b) if so the amount sanctioned for this Plant by the Government for the current financial year and the funds allocated for the next financial year and

(c) the time by which the foundation stone of the said Thermal Plant is likely to be laid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) to (c) The proposal for installation of Suratgarh Thermal Power Project (2x250) MW has since been sanctioned by the Planning Commission in November '91 at an estimated cost of Rs 1253.31 Crores. An outlay of Rs 2350 Crores was approved for the year 1991-92 for taking up infrastructural works. The approved outlay for 1992-93 for this project is likely to be Rs 50 Crores as proposed by the State Government. The Rajasthan State Electric-

ity Board (RSEB) has identified 835 hectares of land for the Suratgarh Thermal Power Project with an ultimate capacity of 4x250 MW and has proposed to acquire it in Stage-I (2x250 MW) including land for ash disposal, township and railway siding etc. The RSEB had informed the Central Electricity Authority that no difficulty was envisaged in acquisition of land.

[English]

Production of Electricity through Lignite

1928 DR P VALLAL PERUMAN Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to consider framing a policy to change the generation of electricity by using Lignite available in plenty in South India, and

(b) if so the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) and (b) Government is aware that steady development of lignite resources which are located in States like Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Gujarat, far away from coal deposit is of critical importance for covering power deficits in these States. Neyveli Lignite Corporation has been assigned to play an important role in the development of these resources for power generation depending on availability of appropriate financial resources. During the year, 1991-92, out of the targetted production of 12.32 million tonnes of lignite by Neyveli Lignite Corporation about 11.97 million tonnes is targetted to be utilised by the Corporation, primarily for generation of power.